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SIKHS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS has carried detailed inquiry in six days long enforced disappearance of Mr. Sewak Singh, a Ph. D. student of Punjabi University, Patiala. Attached with is a brief report of findings of SFHR.

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SIX DAYS LONG 'ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCE'

OF A PH. D. STUDENT.

- (a) Sewak Singh (35) belongs to Bajewala Village of Mansa District in Punjab (IND).
- (b) He has done dual Masters in Punjabi and Religion & M. Phil in Linguistics. He is currently doing Ph. D. from Linguistics & Punjabi Lexicography Department of Punjabi University, Patiala on "*Gurbani Viakaran: Sri Guru Granth Sahib Vich Darj Bhagat Bani Te Adharat*"¹ under the guidance of Prof. Joga Singh² and Dr. Darshan Singh³.
- (c) He resides in Room No. 29-A of Horni Bhabha Hostel No. 4 located in Punjabi University, Patiala Campus.
- (d) Sewak Singh also works as sub-editor of a Punjabi monthly Magazine⁴ published from Ludhiana⁵ since March 2000.
- (e) On 4 September 2009, Punjab Police SHO Sarabha Nagar Ludhiana arrested Sewak Singh from Ludhiana (as he was there to complete work regarding printing of current issue of the Magazine) at around 18:30 Hrs (IST and all timing that follow are according to Indian Standard Time) and handed him over to CIA⁶ Staff Ludhiana. Later on he was handed over to Mansa⁷ Police by CIA Ludhiana at around 21:30 Hrs.
- (f) Mansa police brought Sewak Singh to Punjabi University, Patiala at around mid night on intervening night of 4 and 5 September, 2009. As per University Security officer's letter no. 554 S.O⁸ (dated



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09/09/09) on 4 September 2009 at around mid night (00:00 hrs) three police vehicles reached the main gate of the campus and this convey was lead by a TATA Sumo⁹ numbered PB11AE 3262¹⁰. The person sitting in the Sumo informed that he was a cop and showed his ID card. They told the university security staff that they are going to Homi Bhabha Hostel No 4. Then university security guard deployed at Hostel Gate introduced this police party to the warden of Hostel number 4.

(g) Warden of Homi Bhabha Hostel in his letter numbered 942/HBH¹¹

(dated: 09/09/09) confirmed the fact that the police party brought Sewak Singh along with them. They entered in the hostel at 00:05 hrs and searched the room number 29-A that belongs to Sewak Singh. At 00:50 hrs this police party left the hostel along with Sewak Singh. They informed the Warden that this police party has come from Ludhiana and a DSP from Patiala is accompanying it. As per security officer's letter, referred above, the police party left the university through its' main gate at 01:00 hrs.

(h) Police party had informed University Authorities that they have come from Ludhiana but never clarified that they actually belong to Mansa District police.

(i) Police seized Sewak Singh's Ph. D. papers, personal letters & photographs, some other hand written papers & data CDs carrying academic e-books and backup of Ph. D. thesis from his hostel room. No memo of the material to be seized was prepared which is obligatory as per Indian Law¹². Police had already seized cell phone



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of Sewak Singh on 4 September 2009 while his personal Laptop was seized along with other office computers by Ludhiana police on 27th August, 2009 when police first came to the office of Magazine at Ludhiana, of which Sewak Singh is sub-editor.

- (j) On early morning of 5th September, 2009 at around 02:30 Hrs police party reached Sadar Police Station of Mansa along with Sewak Singh.
- (k) Sewak Singh was kept by police in secret confinement there.
- (l) No information was ever tendered to his family, friends or fellow students by Ludhiana or Mansa Police in spite of directions of Supreme Court of India¹³. The Family of Sewak Singh came to know the fact of his disappearance on 7th September 2009 as some one informed the family regarding news about Sewak Singh's disappearance published in some newspapers with reference to University students.
- (m) On 8th September, 2009 the family members of Sewak Singh along with members of village Panchayat¹⁴ approached Ludhiana Police but police denied the fact that Sewak Singh was ever picked up by Ludhiana Police.
- (n) On 10th September, 2009 the family along with others contacted SSP (Senior Superintendent of Police) of Mansa but he declined to meet them. Police official denied the fact that Sewak Singh is in their custody. They even refused to accept written application of the family on the issue. When the family tried to send the copy via fax they declined to accept the fax and when family requested the



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police authorities to accept the fax they replied we do not accept fax from local numbers.

(o) Meanwhile the students of the University brought documentary evidence of Sewak Singh being taken away by the police and University Authorities started inquiring about whereabouts of Sewak Singh, it was then that he was handed over to his Village Panchayat and family members on 10th September, 2009 at around 21:00 Hrs.

(p) Sewak Singh's thesis work and other belongings are still in possession of police as they are not returned yet.

(q) Though Sewak Singh was not physically tortured, the mental trauma he underwent can not be described in words.

(r) This is a case of violation of "basic right of life and liberty" and Sewak Singh was kept in secret confinement by State Police and Police regularly refused to share whereabouts of Sewak Singh. All this kept him out of protection of Law for about six days. So it is clear case of six days long "enforced disappearance"¹⁵.

Footnotes and References:

1. "Gurbani Viakaran: Sri Guru Granth Sahib Vich Darg Bhagat Bani te Adharat": Topic for research work of Sewak Singh; English Translation: 'Gurbani Grammar: Based on Bhagat Bani enshrined in Sri Guru Granth Sahib' (the Sikh Scripture).
2. Professor Joga Singh: Guide of Sewak Singh for Ph.D.; Head of Linguistics & Punjabi Lexicography Department of Punjabi University, Patiala.
3. Dr. Darshan Singh: Co-Guide of Sewak Singh for Ph. D ; Professor in Comparative Religious Studies Department, Punjabi University, Patiala.
4. Sikh Shahadat is a Punjabi Monthly Magazine of which Sewak Singh is sub-editor. Registration information: Registered with registrar of Newspapers for India under no. punpun/2000/876



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5. Ludhiana: A district of Punjab.
6. CIA: Crime Investigation Agency; A unit of State Police in Punjab.
7. Mansa: A district of Punjab.
8. University Security officer's letter no. 554 S.O: See Annexure No. 1
9. TATA Sumo: A vehicle manufactured by TATA Motors; this vehicle is allotted by the State to Deputy Superintendents of Police (DSPs) in Punjab and as per University record a local DSP was accompanying the police party.
10. PB11AE 3262: "PB11" is initial number of vehicles registered in Patiala District and as per documentary evidence provided by University authorities a DSP of Patiala district was accompanying the Police party.
11. Warden of Homi Bhabha Hostel in his letter numbered 942/HBH: See Annexure No.2
12. Section 100 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (Act no. 2 of 1974); See Annexure no. 3
13. Direction of Supreme Court of India: in the case of D.K. Basu Versus State of West Bengal [(1997) 6 SCC 642] See Annexure 4.
14. Village Panchayat: A village level administrative unit comprising elected or unanimously selected members with one super head called Sarpanch.
15. Enforced Disappearance: As per "International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance" "enforced disappearance" is considered to be the arrest, detention, abduction or any other form of deprivation of liberty by agents of the State or by persons or groups of persons acting with the authorization, support or acquiescence of the State, followed by a refusal to acknowledge the deprivation of liberty or by concealment of the fate or whereabouts of the disappeared person, which place such a person outside the protection of the law. (see Article 2) [for full text of the convention visit:
<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/disappearance-convention.htm>]

Annexure 1

ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਯੂਨੀਵਰਸਿਟੀ, ਪਟਿਆਲਾ
ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਵਿਭਾਗ
(1961 ਦੇ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਐਕਟ ਨੰ :35 ਤਹਿਤ ਸਥਾਪਤ)

ਨੰ. 554 ਐਸ. ਓ.
ਮਿਤੀ: 9/9/09

ਨਾਲ ਨੱਥੀ ਪੱਤਰ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਿਤੀ 4 ਸਤੰਬਰ 2009 ਨੂੰ ਯੂਨੀਵਰਸਿਟੀ ਕੈਂਪਸ ਵਿਖੇ ਪੁਲੀਸ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੇ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਹੈ ਜੀ :-

1. ਮਿਤੀ 04 ਸਤੰਬਰ, 2009 ਨੂੰ ਰਾਤ ਤਕਰੀਬਨ 12:00 ਵਜੇ ਪੁਲੀਸ ਦੀਆਂ ਤਿੰਨ ਗੱਡੀਆਂ ਯੂਨੀਵਰਸਿਟੀ ਮੇਨ ਗੇਟ ਤੇ ਪਹੁੰਚੀਆਂ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਗੱਡੀਆਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਭ ਤੋਂ ਅੱਗੇ TATA Sumo ਸੀ, ਜਿਸਦਾ ਨੰਬਰ PBHAE 3262 ਸੀ। ਇਸ ਗੱਡੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਬੈਠੇ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਆਪ ਨੂੰ ਪੁਲੀਸ ਦਾ ਮੁਲਾਜ਼ਮ ਦੱਸਿਆ ਅਤੇ ਸਨਾਖਤ ਦੇ ਤੌਰ ਤੇ ਆਪਣਾ ਪਹਿਚਾਣ ਪੱਤਰ ਦਿਖਾਇਆ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਪੁਲੀਸ ਕਰਮਚਾਰੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਹੋਸਟਲ ਨੰ. 4 ਵਿਖੇ ਜਾਣ ਬਾਰੇ ਦੱਸਿਆ। ਇਸਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਹੋਸਟਲ ਨੰ. 4 ਵਿਖੇ ਤਾਇਨਾਤ ਸਕਿਊਰਟੀ ਗਾਰਡ ਨੇ ਇਸ ਪੁਲੀਸ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਨੂੰ ਹੋਸਟਲ ਨੰ. 4 ਦੇ ਵਾਰਡਨ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਨਾਲ ਮਿਲਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ। ਤਕਰੀਬਨ 1:00 ਵਜੇ ਇਹ ਪੁਲੀਸ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਵਾਪਿਸ ਚਲੀ ਗਈ।

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਹਿਤ ਜੀ।


ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਅਫਸਰ

(Uncertified copy of translation of Punjabi University Security Officer's Letter
no. 554 S.O from original Punjabi to English)

PUNJABI UNIVERSITY, PATIALA

SECUTIRY DEPARTMENT

(Established Under Punjab Act no. 35 of 1961)

No. 554 S.O

Date: 9/9/09

With reference to annexed letter information regarding arrival of police party in University Campus on 4 September, 2009 is as follows:

1. On 4th September, 2009 three police vehicles arrived at main gate of University campus at around 00:00 hrs. A Tata Sumo Numbered PB11AE 3262 was in front of all these vehicles. Person sitting in this vehicle informed that he is a Cop and showed his identity card. These police employees informed that they are going to hostel number 4. After that security guard deployed at hostel number 4 introduced the police party to the warden of hostel number 4. At around 01:00 hrs this police party left the campus.

Above is for your attention.

(sttd.)

Security Officer

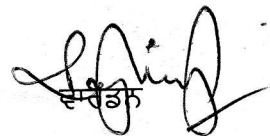
Annexure 2

ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਯੂਨੀਵਰਸਿਟੀ, ਪਟਿਆਲਾ
(1961 ਦੇ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਐਕਟ ਨੰ: 35 ਤਹਿਤ ਸਥਾਪਤ)
ਹੋਮੀ ਭਾਭਾ ਹੋਸਟਲ

ਨੰ: 942 / 230
ਮਿਤੀ 9-9-09


ਆਪ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ: 1443 ਮਿਤੀ 9.9.2009 ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿਚ ਦਸਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਮਿਤੀ 4 ਅਤੇ 5 ਸਤੰਬਰ, 2009 ਦੇ ਵਿਚਕਾਰ ਦੀ ਰਾਤ ਨੂੰ ਤਕਰੀਬਨ 00.05 ਵਜੇ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਵਾਲੇ ਹੋਮੀ ਭਾਭਾ ਹੋਸਟਲ ਵਿਚ ਆਏ ਸਨ ਅਤੇ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀ ਸੇਵਕ ਸਿੰਘ ਵੀ ਸੀ। ਪੁਲਿਸ ਵਾਲਿਆਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀ ਸੇਵਕ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੇ ਹੋਸਟਲ ਦੇ ਕਮਰਾ ਨੰ: 29 ਦੇ ਦੀ ਤਲਾਸ਼ੀ ਲਈ ਗਈ ਅਤੇ ਤਲਾਸ਼ੀ ਲੈਣ ਉਪਰੰਤ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਹੋਸਟਲ ਤੋਂ ਸੇਵਕ ਸਿੰਘ ਸਮੇਤ 00.50 ਵਜੇ ਵਾਪਸ ਚਲੀ ਗਈ। ਪੁਲਿਸ ਵਾਲਿਆਂ ਨੇ ਦਸਿਆ ਸੀ ਕਿ ਉਹ ਲੁਧਿਆਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਹਨ ਅਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਪਟਿਆਲੇ ਤੋਂ ਡੀ.ਐਸ.ਪੀ. ਹਨ।

ਇਹ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਹਿੱਤ ਭੇਜਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ।


ਵਾਈਸ ਚਾਂਸਲਰ

ਪ੍ਰੋਵੋਸਟ

ਇਸ ਦੀ ਸੂਰਤ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਸਟੇਸ਼ਨ ਵਿਖੇ ਪੁਤਰ ਸ. ਸੰਤ ਸਿੰਘ
ਜਿਥਾਂ ਆਪਣਾ ਨੰ ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਰੱਖਣ ਦਿਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ।


9/9/09

ਵਾਈਸ
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1484/DSW
9-9-09

(Uncertified copy of translation of Homi Bhabha Hostel's Warden's Letter no.
942/HBH from original Punjabi to English)

PUNJABI UNIVERSITY, PATIALA
(Established Under Punjab Act no. 35 of 1961)
HOMI BHABHA HOSTEL

No. 942/HBH

Date: 9/9/09

With reference to your letter number 1443 dated 9/9/2009, it is informed that the police arrived at Homi Bhabha Hostel on intervening night of 4 and 5 September, 2009 at around 00:05 hrs and student Sewak Singh was also with them. Police searched the hostel room number 29A of Sewak Singh and after search the police left the hostel along with Sewak Singh at around 00:50 hrs. Police employees informed that they are from Ludhiana and DSP from Patiala is accompanying them.

This is sent for you information.

(sttd.)

Warden.

The original copy of this should be made available to Gurinder Singh S/o
S. Santa Singh, District Mansa.

(sttd.)

Provost)

Warden

Homi Bhabha Hostel

1484/DSW

9-9-09

Annexure 3

100. Persons in charge of closed place to allow search.- (1) Whenever any place liable to search or inspection under this Chapter is closed, any person residing in, or being in charge of, such place, shall, on demand of the officer or other person executing the warrant, and on production of the warrant, allow his free ingress thereto, and afford all reasonable facilities for a search therein.

(2) If ingress into such place cannot be so obtained, the officer or other person executing the warrant may proceed in the manner provided by sub-section (2) of section 47.

(3) Where any person in or about such place is reasonably suspected of concealing about his person any article for which search should be made, such person may be searched and if such person is a woman, the search shall be made by another woman with strict regard to decency.

(4) Before making a search under this Chapter, the officer or other person about to make it shall call upon two or more independent and respectable inhabitants of the locality in which the place to be searched is situate or of any other locality if no such inhabitant of the said locality is available or is willing to be a witness to the search, to attend and witness the search and may issue an order in writing to them or any of them so to do.

(5) The search shall be made in their presence, and a list of all things seized in the course of such search and of the places in which they are respectively found shall be prepared by such officer or other person and signed by such witnesses; but no person witnessing a search under this section shall be required to attend the Court as a witness of the search unless specially summoned by it.

(6) The occupant of the place searched, or some person in his behalf, shall, in every instance, be permitted to attend during the search, and a copy of the list prepared under this section, signed by the said witnesses, shall be delivered to such occupant or person.

(7) When any person is searched under sub-section (3), a list of all things taken possession of shall be prepared, and a copy thereof shall be delivered to such person.

(8) Any person who, without reasonable cause, refuses or neglects to attend and witness a search under this section, when called upon to do so by an order in writing delivered or tendered to him, shall be deemed to have committed an offence under section 187 of the Indian Penal Code (45 of 1860).

Annexure 4

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

Criminal Misc. Petn. No. 4201 of 1977, In Wit Petn. (Cri) No. 539 of 1986
with Writ Petn. (Cri) No. 592 of 1997

Decided On: 01.08.1997

Appellants:Dilip K. Basu and Ashok K. Johari
Vs.

Respondent: State of West Bengali and others
and
State of U.P. and others

Hon'ble Judges:
Dr. A.S. Anand and K.T. Thomas, JJ.

Counsels:
For Appearing Parties: A.M. Singhvi, Addl. Solicitor General (A.C),
Suruchi Agrawal, Sushil Kumar Jain, Y.P. Dhamija and B. Krishna
Prasad, Advs

Subject: Constitution

Subject: Criminal

Catch Words

Mentioned IN

Case Referred:
D.K. Basu v. State of West Bengal MANU/SC/0157/1997

Citing Reference:

D. K. Basu v. State of West Bengal MANU/SC/0157/1997

Discussed

Case Note:

Criminal – Detention - Apex Court in earlier judgment had laid down certain basic requirements to be followed in all cases of arrest or detention till legal provisions were made in that behalf – Court further opined that failure to comply with those requirements will not only make official liable for departmental action and would also render him liable to be punished for contempt of Court and proceedings for Contempt of Court could be instituted in any High Court – More than seven months had elapsed since directions were issued – Petitioner sought direction calling Director General of Police and Home Secretary to report to this

Court compliance of directions issued by Apex Court – Report should also indicate in a tabular form as to which of requirements has been carried out and in what manner and which still remained to be carried out and steps being taken for carrying those – Reports should also be obtained from directors of AIR and Doordarshan regarding broadcast made

ORDER

1. On December 18, 1996 in *D. K. Basu v. State of West Bengal* MANU/SC/0157/1997 : 1997CriLJ743 , this Court laid down certain basic "requirements" to be followed in all cases of arrest or detention till legal provisions are made in that behalf as a measure to prevent custodial violence. The requirements read as follows (para 36):

1. The police personnel carrying out the arrest and handling the interrogation of the arrestee should bear accurate, visible and clear identification and name tags with their designations. The particulars of all such police personnel who handle interrogation of the arrestee must be recorded in a register.

2. That the police officer carrying out the arrest of the arrestee shall prepare a memo of arrest at the time of arrest and such memo shall be attested by at least one witness, who may either be a member of the family of the arrestee or a respectable person of the locality from where the arrest is made. It shall also be countersigned by the arrestee and shall contain the time and date of arrest.

3. A person who has been arrested or detained and is being held in custody in a police station or interrogation center or other lock-up, shall be entitled to have one friend or relative or other person known to him or having interest in his welfare being informed, as soon as practicable, that he has been arrested and is being detained at the particular place, unless the attesting witness of the memo of arrest is himself such a friend or a relative of the arrestee.

4. The time, place of arrest and venue of custody of an arrestee must be notified by the police where the next friend or relative of the arrestee lives outside the district or town through the Legal Aid Organisation in the District and the police station of the area concerned telegraphically within a period of 8 to 12 hours after the arrest.

5. The person arrested must be made aware of this right to have someone informed of his arrest or detention as soon as he is put under arrest or is detained.
 6. An entry must be made in the diary at the place of detention regarding the arrest of the person which shall also disclose the name of the next friend of the person who has been informed of the arrest and the names and particulars of the police officials in whose custody the arrestee is
 7. The arrestee should, where he so requests, be also examined at the time of his arrest and major and minor injuries, if any present on his/ her body, must be recorded at that time. The "Inspection Memo" must be signed both by the arrestee and the police officer effecting the arrest and its copy provided to the arrestee and the police officer effecting the arrest and its copy provided to the arrestee.
 8. The arrestee should be subjected to medical examination by a trained doctor every 48 hours during his detention in custody by a doctor on the panel of approved doctors appointed by Director, Health Services of the State or Union Territory concerned. Director, Health Services should prepare such a panel for all tehsils and districts as well.
 9. Copies of all the documents including the memo of arrest, referred to above, should be sent to the Illaqa Magistrate for his record.
 10. The arrestee may be permitted to meet his lawyer during interrogation, though not throughout the interrogation.
 11. A police control room should be provided at all district and State headquarters, where information regarding the arrest and the place of custody of the arrestee shall be communicated by the officer causing the arrest, within 12 hours of effecting the arrest and at the police control room it should be displayed on a conspicuous notice board.
2. This court also opined that failure to comply with the above requirements, apart from rendering the official concerned liable for departmental action, would also render him liable to be punished for contempt of court and the proceedings for contempt of court could be instituted in any High Court of the country, having territorial jurisdiction over the matter. This Court further observed AIR 1997 SCW 233:

The requirements mentioned above shall be forwarded to the Director General of Police and the Home Secretary of every State/Union Territory and it shall be their obligation to circulate the same to every police station under their charge and get the same notified at every police station at a conspicuous place. It would also be useful and serve larger interest to broadcast the requirements on All India Radio besides being shown on the National Network of Doordarshan and by publishing and distributing pamphlets in the local language containing these requirements for information of the general public. Creating awareness about the rights of the arrestee would in our opinion be a step in the right direction to combat the evil of custodial crime and bring in transparency and accountability. It is hoped that these requirements would help to curb, if not totally eliminate, the use of questionable methods during interrogation and investigation leading to custodial commission of crimes.

3. More than seven months have elapsed since the directions were issued. Through these petitions, Dr. Singhvi, the learned Amicus Curiae, who had assisted the Court in the main petition, seeks a direction, calling upon the Director General of Police and the Home Secretary of every State/Union Territory to report to this Court compliance of the above direction's and the steps taken by the All India Radio and the National Network of Doordarshan for broadcasting the requirements.

4. We direct the Registry to send a copy of this application, together with a copy of this order to respondents 1 to 31 to have the report/reports from the Director General of Police and the Home Secretary of the concerned State/Union Territory, sent to this Court regarding the compliance of the above directions concerning arrestees. The report shall indicate in a tabular form as to which of the "requirements" has been carried out and in what manner, as also which are the "requirements" which still remain to be carried out and the steps being taken for carrying out those.

5. Report shall also be obtained from the Directors of All India Radio and Doordarshan regarding broadcasts made.

6. The notice on respondents 1 to 31, in addition, may also be served through the standing counsel of the respective States/Union Territories in the Supreme Court. After the reports are received, copies of the same shall be furnished to the Advocate on Record for Dr. Singhvi, Ms. Suruchi Agrawal, Advocate.

7. The reports shall be submitted to this Court in the terms, indicated above, within six weeks from today. The matters shall be put up on board for monitoring, after seven weeks.

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